

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Request for how many (total number and value in £ pounds) penalty fines have gone unpaid because the companies those penalties apply to have been wound up for the last 3 years

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Summary of request: The enquirer requested how many (total number and value in £ pounds) penalty fines have gone unpaid because the companies those penalties apply to have been wound up for the last 3 years

Information Released

You asked "for the last 3 financial years how many (total number and value in £ pounds) penalty fines have gone unpaid because the companies those penalties apply to have been wound up without payment". Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Companies House does not hold the information you require in the format that you have requested. We do not routinely record this information but, to be of assistance, I have made enquiries with our IT Teams who have been able to extract and collate the following information from our systems:

The figures below are the number of late filing penalties that have been levied and have not been paid prior to a voluntary application to dissolve the company and have now been dissolved.

01/04/12 -31/03/13 - 6010 penalties with a total value of £3,742,150

01/04/13 -31/03/14 - 4752 penalties with a total value of £1,895,500

01/04/15 -31/03/15 - 5565 penalties with a total value of £2,390,350

Please note:

The above figures represent the total numbers of penalties levied in each period and not the number of companies that these penalties are levied against. A company could have incurred more than one late filing penalty and these could fall within one or more of the above periods.

The monetary values of the penalties included in these figures represent only the 'full' penalties that have not been paid. We have been unable to distinguish between penalties where a partial payment has been made, but the remainder of the penalty was not paid prior to dissolution.

These figures do not include any costs incurred e.g. debt collection costs

The unpaid penalty may not be the penalty issued directly before the application to dissolve was made. These could constitute historical penalties that remained outstanding at the point of dissolution.

As the above figures are not routinely collected and have been extracted from our systems, they have not been audited and cannot be guaranteed in any way, but I hope they will be helpful.